In the claims:

Following is a complete set of claims as amended with this Response.

1-28 (Cancelled)

29. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

transitioning a central processing unit (CPU) of a computer system into a low power mode, the computer system having a computer system memory,

independent of the CPU, interpreting verbal instructions ~~instruction~~ from a user at a speech recognition unit of a low-power subsystem; and

independent of the CPU and in response to the verbal instructions, accessing data contained within the computer system memory through a shared database using a processor of the low-power subsystem, the shared database being shared by the computer system and the low-power subsystem.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 29, further comprising storing at least a partial copy of data accessed from the computer system memory in the shared database.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 29, wherein the computer system memory comprises a disk drive unit.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the data contained in the shared database includes multimedia data.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, further comprising accessing data from a network via the low-power subsystem.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 33, wherein the network is accessed using a wireless interface.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 33, wherein the network is an electronic store allowing an electronic purchase.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, further comprising presenting the data accessed to a user via a display of the low-power subsystem.

37. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, further comprising presenting the data accessed to a user via an audio medium of the low-power subsystem.

38. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a computer system;

a shared database coupled to the computer system;

a user interface to receive verbal instructions from a user; and

a low-power subsystem coupled to the shared database and to the user interface, the low-power ~~low-power~~ subsystem having a speech recognition unit to interpret verbal instructions from the user and a processor to provide access to the computer system through the shared database in response to the verbal instructions.

39. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 38, wherein the low-power subsystem is in operation when the computer system ~~central processing unit~~ enters a low power mode.

40. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 38, wherein the computer system further comprises:

a central processing unit (CPU);

a memory device coupled to the central processing unit; and

a disk drive unit coupled to the central processing unit.

41. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 40, wherein the shared database is coupled to the disk drive unit, the shared database to store at least a partial copy of data stored on the disk drive unit.

42. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein data contained within the shared database includes multimedia data.

43. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the low-power subsystem further comprises a wireless interface ~~is~~ to connect with a local area network.

44. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the user interface of the low-power subsystem further comprises a video display to display data from the shared database.

45. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the low-power subsystem further comprises a wireless interface to receive verbal instructions from the user interface.

46. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 45, wherein the user interface further comprises an audio headset to receive audio data transmitted from the wireless interface.

47. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the low-power subsystem further comprises an interface to transmit data to a cellular phone.

48. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the computer system comprises a main screen and the low-power subsystem comprises a miniature display screen and wherein the miniature display screen is activated when the main screen is closed.

49. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the computer system comprises stored multimedia data, wherein the low-power subsystem accesses the stored multimedia data through the shared database and wherein the low-power subsystem presents the multimedia data to a user through the user interface.

50. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 49, wherein the low-power subsystem presents the multimedia data to the user over a miniature display screen of the user interface.

51. (Currently Amended) A low-power subsystem comprising:

a speech recognition unit to interpret verbal instructions from a user; and

a processor coupled to the speech recognition unit and to a shared database, the processor providing access to a computer system through the shared database in response to verbal instructions from the speech recognition unit.

52. (Currently Amended) The low-power subsystem of claim 51 wherein the processor provides access to the computer system when the computer system is in a low-power mode.

53. (Currently Amended) The low-power subsystem of claim 51, wherein the shared database is coupled to the computer system to store at least a partial copy of data stored in the computer system.

54. (Currently Amended) The low-power subsystem of claim 51, further comprising a wireless interface to connect to an external network.

55. (Currently Amended) The low-power subsystem of claim 51, further comprising a wireless interface to connect a headset and the speech recognition unit.

56. (Currently Amended) The low-power subsystem of claim 51 further comprising a miniature display screen to present data accessed from the computer system to the user.